

HOUSE BILL 835

D3, D4

11r0302

By: **Delegate Bates**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2011

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Child and Spousal Support – Contempt Proceedings – Statute of Limitations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the period of time within which a proceeding to hold a
4 person in contempt of court for the person's default in payment of certain child
5 or spousal support must be commenced; and generally relating to the statute of
6 limitations for certain contempt proceedings.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
9 Section 5–111
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Family Law
14 Section 10–102
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2006 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

20 5–111.

21 A proceeding to hold a person in contempt of court for the person's default in
22 payment of periodic child or spousal support under the terms of a court order shall be
23 commenced within [3] 12 years of the date each installment of support became due
24 and remained unpaid.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1

Article – Family Law

2 10–102.

3

4

5

A contempt proceeding for failure to make a payment of child or spousal support under a court order shall be brought within **[3] 12** years of the date that the payment of support became due.

6

7

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2011.